

VERB features

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Dear Friend,

It is tradition that during November, we reflect on the many things we are thankful for. And, as you know, our Verbum Dei Community has always been blessed to have an amazing faculty team. Recently we heard from Senior, Enrique Cabrera, on how Mr. Dan and Sue White have greatly impacted his time here at Verbum Dei. Dan and Sue have been volunteer Math teachers with Verbum Dei for 20 years now.



“For the past three years I’ve had the pleasure and opportunity to be taught by Mr. & Mrs. White in my math courses. Despite a completely different schedule than the rest of their students, they have helped me advance my mathematic studies here at Verbum Dei and took on the challenge to teach me. I have taken Honors Algebra II, Honors Pre-Calculus, and Honors Calculus. I was on track to take AP Calculus, but due to COVID-19 and distance learning it wasn’t available. Although I will not take the AP course, Mr. & Mrs. White are still helping me continue to prepare since it has been my plan since sophomore year. My favorite thing

about them is their ability to take time out of their day to clarify any question I may have and show me the real world and fun applications of math. One thing that inspires me is their consistency. They never fail to help or motivate me and continue to push me hard asking me hard questions that make me think more critically about what I learn.”

Our traditional classroom has disappeared due to COVID-19, so we asked Dan and Sue how they are acclimating and what they miss most about in-classroom teaching.

“The hardest part of teaching virtually is the inability to ‘look over the shoulders’ of the students as they work. In the classroom, I can walk around to see whether or not students are doing a problem correctly and nudge them in the correct direction. In the virtual world, I can only see the finished

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product and cannot prevent errors as the students are working. The other difficulty is trying to help the few students who truly cannot cope with the virtual world. Teaching virtually is hard on students and families. For us, there are some technology problems, but the main difficulty is not being able to develop a good relationship with the students. They are fun to be around and Zoom simply does not allow that to happen.”

Like many of you, Dan and Sue are financial supporters of Verbum Dei. In fact, they are Adopt-A-Student Parents. They see their support of Verb as an opportunity to change the world, one student at a time. Dan and Sue feel that they have been blessed throughout their lives and are now in a position to bless others by supporting quality education for the underserved, thereby helping to level the playing field. The future for Verb graduates looks bright because of generous support from you, Dan and Sue, and so many others.

The entire Verb community is grateful to Dan and Sue White, and you, for your unwavering support of Verbum Dei. Thank you for making a difference in the lives of our students and their families.